

it were spotted later. A meal of rice and beans was prepared for the unexpected passengers.

‘WE’RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT’

An escort boat met the *Corwith* off the coast of Jamaica, and delivered the Haitians safely to Port Antonio early Thursday morning. The ship's crew and students were resting in port before finishing off their sailing semester in Key West, Fla., on March 19.

The captain and students were not immediately available for comment, but Bullard said parents who were contacted expressed great pride in their children's role in the rescue.

“What we have in our planned curriculum is the study of oceanography, and the history and literature of the sea and skills like navigation and weather forecasting,” said Bullard. “One thing you learn that is not in the curriculum is that we’re all in the same boat.”

“This group of students got a chance to learn this literally.”

Waves of unrest and poverty have driven thousands of Haitians to seek refuge outside their country over the past decade. One common destination is Jamaica. Many Haitians are denied refugee status and forced to return home.

#### HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF REVEREND L.A. WILLIAMS, JR.

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend L.A. Williams for his service to the Wheatley Heights First Baptist Church and to the San Antonio community.

Reverend L.A. Williams is a native Texan whose ministry reaches far beyond the walls of the Wheatley Heights First Baptist Church and into the San Antonio community. Currently serving as the Moderator of the Guadalupe District Missionary Baptist Association, College, Incorporated, and other organizations such as the Baptist Minister's Union of San Antonio and Vicinity, Reverend Williams is always trying to reach out to the community to offer a helping hand.

Born in Houston, Texas, Reverend Williams attended E.L. Furr High School, and upon graduating studied at Southwestern Business College and the Union Baptist Bible College and Seminary. His awe-inspiring dedication to spreading the Word of God officially started when he delivered his first sermon on the third Sunday of July 1973 at the Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church. He went on to serve many churches across the state of Texas, but since 1984 he has found himself at Wheatley Heights First Baptist Church.

It is here in San Antonio that Reverend L.A. Williams has touched the lives of many and helped them realize that there is always much to hope for. Whether he is rebuilding the Church itself due to a flood or helping a kid in need, the Reverend always is serving his fellow man and woman to the greatest degree.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the privilege and opportunity to recognize this man of faith, Reverend L.A. Williams.

#### TRIBUTE TO HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2005*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Hostos Community College Men's and Women's basketball programs for bringing championship trophies home to the Bronx. I am proud of this dedicated group of students for showing excellence on and off the court.

Under the leadership of Coach Renee Bostic the Hostos women's basketball team set goals for themselves before the start of the season. Their relentless dedication and hard work paid off as they were the winners of the 2005 CUNY Athletic Conference Edison Basketball Championships for the second year in a row. Not to be outdone, the men's team led by Coach Robert Holford captured the 2005 NJCAA Men's Division III National Championship. This marks the first national basketball title won by a CUNY school since the 1950 CCNY men's basketball team captured both the NCAA and NIT titles. Like the women's program the men set early goals and followed through with their incredible work ethic.

These two programs have done surprisingly well despite the fact that they have been in existence for no more than three years. It is a great compliment to this institution that only in its third year of existence the men's team has won a National Championship and that only in its second year of existence the women's team has already repeated as CUNYAC regular season and Tournament champions.

The success that these two programs enjoyed on the court is much more than a reflection of their skills with a basketball but a reflection of their character. To reach the level of competition that these young people have achieved one must acquire certain qualities that will not only aid him/her in sport but in life as well; qualities such as discipline, patience and perseverance. I am proud to say these athletes have carried these qualities over to the classroom and are all top tier students.

Vince Lombardi once stated that “excellence is not a sometime thing.” With their performance on and off the court, I think the men and women's basketball teams of Hostos Community College have demonstrated that these are words they live by.

Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt that if these young men and women continue to exert themselves on and off the court they will be victorious in the game of life. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the outstanding student athletes of Hostos Community College in the Bronx.

#### CELEBRATING THE TEXAS LYCEUM'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 5, 2005*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Texas Lyceum on their 25th Anniversary. The Texas Lyceum, a non-

profit, non-partisan organization, is the foremost incubator of leaders in Texas.

The original Lyceum was a grove of trees in ancient Athens where Aristotle educated the leaders of the day on issues critical to the time. Key issues were debated and focused through the lens of enlightenment and character. So, in 1980 when a group of young leaders recently named “Rising Stars of Texas” by Texas Business magazine, began exploring the idea of establishing a leadership confederation based on providing solutions to problems in Texas, Aristotle's Lyceum seemed an appropriate model.

Tieman H. “Skipper” Dippel and an impressive group of founders including: Bud Shivers, Mike Hopkins, Ann Quirk, Jim Windham, John Connally, III, Rob Mosbacher, Ken George, Scott Bennett, and others too numerous to mention teamed with Texas Business magazine and George Kozmetsky to establish this forum which represents the diversity of the state and emphasizes constructive responses to issues critical to Texas.

The Lyceum has always endeavored to bring out the best in people and enlighten the next generation to the power of ideas. It teaches leaders to focus on where they are alike rather than how they are different while still valuing the rich diversity of Texas. To accomplish these purposes, the Lyceum conducts quarterly meetings to educate its Directors and other policy makers on the important issues of our times and sends its members back into the community armed with the most up to date information available.

The Lyceum also publishes the Journal of the Texas Lyceum, a mainstay for policy-makers looking for insightful and thoughtful solutions. Each issue is edited to be in keeping with the Lyceum's philosophy of valuing differing opinions from our state's leaders. This document was invaluable to me and my colleagues when I served in the Texas Legislature.

Twenty-five years later, the Texas Lyceum boasts over 600 alumni and 96 current directors. Judging from where Lyceum alumni can now be found it is obvious that the Lyceum has successfully met its goal of educating the next generation of leaders in Texas. The Lyceum should be extremely proud of its accomplishments.

From the courtroom to the board room, from farms and ranches to the world of high tech, from medical centers to the oil fields, from education intuitions to houses of worship, and from city councils to the halls of Congress and even the White House, Lyceum alumni are woven through the leadership structures of the state of Texas and this nation. Numerous state legislators, Members of Congress, a sitting U.S. Senator, the current Governor and even the current President of the United States are all Lyceum Alumni.

The Texas Lyceum membership reflects the rich diversity of Texas and succeeds because it seeks to identify and prominently promote the unique values of our state that bring us all together as Texans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in saluting the over 600 men and women who have participated in the Texas Lyceum since its inception in 1980. For a quarter century now the Texas Lyceum has been committed to promoting the stewardship of the values, traditions, resources and diversity that is Texas.